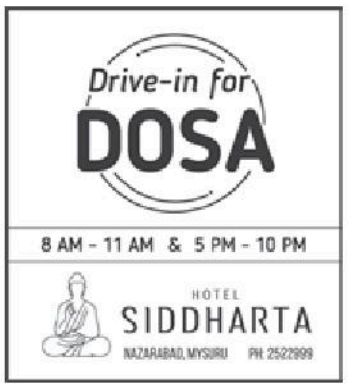

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Mysurean found dead in Andhra Pradesh

Wife claims her husband left her at Nellore Railway Station; victim's family suspect foul play

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RK&BCT)- A resident of Mysuru city was found dead under mysterious circumstances at his wife's place in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.

While the victim's family members have alleged that his wife is involved in the murder, the wife has claimed innocence and stated that she was not aware of his death. A case in this regard has been booked at Nellore Police Station and the investigators are awaiting the post-mortem report.

The victim is 31-year-old **Soori Babu,** son of late Narayana and a resident of Gandhinagar 11th Cross in city. He used to work in hotels and his last job was at Keerthi Lodge in Mandi Mohalla. According to family members, he left to Nellore on Dec. 22 (Friday) and before his

Deceased Soori Babu

trip, Soori Babu had pledged a gold bracelet at Chandru Pawn Brokers on 6th Cross and had taken Rs. 30,000.

He informed his mother that he would be going to his wife Shanthi's native in Andhra Pradesh and had left home on the same day. According to Babu's mother, her daughter-in-law came to Mysuru on Sunday (Dec. 24) and she had Rs. 20,000 cash and her son's mobile phone.

On questioning, Shanthi told her mother-in-law that Babu had come to Nellore and after spending a day, they decided to return to Mysuru. She told her that both of them started from Nellore and at the Railway Station, Babu told her that he would go to the toilet and had handed over the Rs. 20,000 cash and the mobile phone to her.

Shanthi told her mother-in-law that she waited for her husband at the Railway Station for hours before informing her (Shanthi's) relatives who helped her board a train to Mysuru.

Suspicious over her daughter-in-law's version as the couple was not in good terms, Soori Babu's mother informed her relatives and decided to file a missing complaint.

(See MYSUREAN on page 8)

Traffic banned atop Chamundi Hill on New Year Eve

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RK&NNN)- Vehicular traffic to the Chamundi Hill will be banned after 9 pm on Dec. 31, the New Year Eve. The Hill, one of the favourite spots to celebrate the New Year where many revellers prefer the open and secluded spaces, will be out of bounds as all the entry points will be sealed by the Police.

However, entry will be provided to only those vehicles that are owned by people who reside atop the Hill and special passes will be issued to them.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, DCP (Crime and Traffic) Dr. Vikram V. Amathe said, "We do not want to take any chances and the ban is being enforced mainly to avoid accidents and drunken driving."

Elsewhere, the city Police are making all arrangements to see that the New Year celebrations pass off peacefully by beefing up security arrangements. The Police are not ready to take any chances during the celebrations as tourists from all over the country descend in large numbers.

The Police force is fully geared-up after having obtained details of foreigners staying in hotels, guest houses, home stays, PGs and apartments.

Since the Winter Festival is on and Mysore Palace and a few other locations are major tourist attractions, tourists have arrived in large numbers.

City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara has asked the respective Police Stations to make all security arrangements and see that no untoward incidents occur.

The Police Control Room will monitor CCTV cameras installed at Circles, main roads and junctions and if there are any suspicious movements, the information will be passed on to the respective Station Inspectors.

Winter Food Fest and Cake Carnival begins

Visitors taking a look at the cake replica of a wedding gown at N.R. Choultry in city this morning.

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (PM&NNN)- Adivasi-cooked veg bamboo biriyani is the flavour of the season at the 'Winter Food and Cake Festival-2017,' jointly organised by the District Administration, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Department, Tourism Department, Mysore Palace Board, Mysuru District Hotels and Restaurants Association, Bakery Owners Association and Mysuru Travels Association.

The festival began at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road here today, and foodies were trickling in even as the aroma of different varieties of food filled the air. The 3-day carnival is open from 8 am to 10.30 pm.

(See FOOD FEST on page 8)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Wednesday 27th December 2017

Towards wholesome prosperity

Countries across the world used to be classified into *developed* and *underdeveloped* until a few years ago, in the circles of the United Nations. In line with the practice of avoiding terminology likely to be perceived as discriminatory in the parlance of the world's ombudsman-like body, the latter classification was modified into *less developed* and subsequently to *developing*, a term that has been favoured for many years since. The think-tank in the UN bestow attention to avoid terms that may offend even slightly any geographical region or its populace or faiths they follow and so on. Most of the so-called *developed* countries are located in the northern hemisphere while their *developing* counterparts are in the southern hemisphere. India having earned the dubious distinction of currently being among the top five economies of the world, the country may be portrayed as a hybrid case of the two aforementioned classifications. A similar situation can be traced to different regions of India, some of them *developed*, some others *developing* and the rest yet to witness even a semblance of developing.

One is obliged to differ from the school of thought presenting *development* of a region or State or city to be likened to any of the country's metropolises, including Bengaluru, considering the mess in which their residents find themselves in currently. Only the parameter of 'cash jingling in the pockets of urbanites' seem to be the deciding factor.

A host of features reflecting the life of majority of population in given regions of the country have been taken into account by the authorities while considering them as backward or otherwise. Poverty and its well-marked consequences such as under-weight children, infant and maternal mortality, average income of people in the region and so on have been the basis on which Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh were presented as the most backward States. An economic analyst coined the acronym BIMARU in 1980s formed from the first letters of the names of these States. It so happened that BIMARU has a resemblance to the Hindi word *bimar*, meaning sick. More States qualified for inclusion in this exclusive group, including Karnataka and Odisha, However, in recent years, some of these States have seen a real push in terms of economic growth.

In the foregoing backdrop, it may have to be highlighted that the Princely State of Mysore of yesteryears stood out for *prosperity* in real terms. The measure being planned for mapping India's backward districts to expedite development, as reported in the media last week, is overdue. One hopes politics of the country doesn't dominate over economic factors in putting the measure into action.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As befits an ageing journalist, I usually have an explanation for everything. But one aspect of the Modi government has completely flummoxed me. This is that while it conducts its politics with extreme cleverness, in economic policy it shows extraordinary clumsiness. We all know about demonetisation and its consequences. No one believes any longer that it achieved the objectives set out by the Prime Minister when he announced it. We also know about the utterly ham-handed way in which the GST has been implemented. It's amazing how this fiasco was allowed to happen by the Finance Ministry. Its agriculture policy, or that bit for which the Centre is responsible, namely, the minimum support prices, has been not just economically inept but also politically so. Farmers are seriously worse off now. They will have their revenge when the election comes.

— T. C. A. Srinivasa-Raghavan in Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Financial Dominatrix!

Paris: Cryptocurrency is all the rage right now, but while most people wish they that they had invested in Bitcoin and other altcoins in the early days, dozens of men are mining crypto and simply giving it away to a woman they've never met.

Theodora is a financial dominatrix, which basically means she receives money and other "tributes" from male clients who experience pleasure by being financially exploited. These tributes can range from a few dollars to tens of thousands. Some clients go so far as to give her complete control over their bank accounts, a.k.a becoming human ATMs. Theodora claims that she also runs crypto slave farms in which clients use their own crypto currency mining rigs to mine crypto currency 24/7 and then hand it over to her. "It's a form of psychological domination where money is the tool for the transfer of power," Theodora told Market Watch. Although Theodora claims to be the first dominatrix to form a slave farm of crypto followers, she said many women are now attempting to follow her lead.

Survive disasters in style

Los Angeles: If run of the mill disaster survival kits just don't cut it and you can afford to splurge a few extra bucks on something more befitting your social status, try Preppi, a luxury doomsday kit supplier for the super rich.

Film director Ryan Kuhlman founded Preppi in partnership with costume designer Lauren Tafuri, and they run the business out of their downtown Los Angeles loft. The couple experienced a small earthquake in 2014 and realised that they should have supplies on hand for such emergencies. Today, their Prepster disaster kits are the most popular luxury survival accessories on the market. The survival kits, which retail between $95 USD and $4,995 USD, are packed with luxury essentials such as Malin + Goetz toiletries, Marvis toothpaste, Mast Brothers chocolate, Kusmi tea, as well as more typical items such as a hand-cranked phone charger, and a stylish first aid kit. The startup plans to expand the market in 2018, to New York City and Japan. They also have plans to launch a new product a hurricane and tsunami focused waterproof bag that floats.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

What's the healthiest dried fruit?

The former champion for healthiest dried fruit was the goji berry. Now dried Indian gooseberries (amla) have taken the number one spot on the antioxidant scale. Indian gooseberries have 75 times the antioxidants of goji berries and 300 times more than raisins.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Selected for National-level Science Congress

The students of VVS Golden Jubilee PU College and VVS B. M. Sri High School, Kuvempunagar, who took part in the recently concluded State-level National Science Congress in city, have been selected for the National-level Science Congress which will be held at Ahmedabad later this month. Seen in the picture are** (standing) **Prathima M. Suresh, S. Amulya, Sinchana, Deia S. Urs, R. Harshitha, R. Srilakshmi and H.M. Sapna with** (sitting) **K.S. Padmini (Principal, VVS BM Sri School), Anupama Padaki (Project Guide), Uma Aniah (Administrator, VVS Institutions) and S.Shubhada (Principal, VVS Golden Jubilee PU College).

City karatekas excel in Champions League-2017

G.S. Omkar of VI std. and Yashaswi D. Madesha of IX std, both students of Vishwaprajna Nursery, Primary and High School in city, who participated in the Gojukan Champions League-2017 held at Kerala recently, have emerged as winners in the same. They are seen with School Head Master P.V. Devarayamallya.

Really...?

- ***Cows can be found freely wandering the streets of India's cities. They are considered sacred and will often wear a tilak, a Hindu symbol of good fortune. Cows are considered one of humankind's seven mothers because they offer milk as does one's natural mother.***
- ***Rabies is endemic in India. Additionally, "Delhi Belly" or diarrhoea is commonplace due to contaminated drinking water.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru Winter Fest: A feedback

Sir,

I would like to give a feedback to the District Authorities on the ongoing first Mysuru Winter Festival.

The Musical Fountain at Kuppana Park was a non-starter at least on the first two days. There was not even enough lighting at the place; the traffic and the Circle leading to the Park was chaotic.

The Flower Show coupled with Dolls Show at the Palace is indeed very good, attracts a lot of pleased visitors and some cash collection for entry could have been easily done to make up the expenses incurred and keep a count on the visitors. They would have paid ungrudgingly.

There was a feedback book at the EXIT though. The Dasara festival earlier this year did have an entrance fee and unfortunately it flopped later due to unexpected rains.

I observed that the area did not have an emergency first-aid centre or an ambulance parked close by to carry the injured to the nearest hospital at a place of such crowding. In case of any accidental stampede, such facilities are very necessary.

It should also have e-toilet-like rest rooms which can send a message all across that we are at last now in the 'learning curve.' A very snap of such facilities could speak volumes across other States.

Hope my views would reach the authorities concerned and the next time I see such events some of my feedback would be acted upon. Karnataka Tourism would do well to have a stall at such places to catch the attention of their target audience.

—S. S. Rao

Mysuru
26.12.2017

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	105.45 ft
Yesterday	105.10 ft
Inflow	328 cusecs
Outflow	4,265 cusecs
Last year on this date	79.46 ft

Precision Farming workshop on Dec. 29

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (NNN)- Maharaja Institute of Technology under Maharaja Research Foundation in association with Agriculture Department, Government of Karnataka, is conducting a one-day Precision Farming workshop, as part of a pilot project, at Naganahalli Research Centre on Dec.29.

About 100 farmers have been identified to conduct a detailed study for various crops using WSN Technology. Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Program (SKDRDP), with their vast network with farmers, is helping in selecting the farmers and dissemination of the information to farmers. Resource persons from University of Horticultural Sciences, Yelwal and Naganahalli Research Centre will conduct the workshop.

Dr. Mahesh Rao, Professor at Maharaja Institute, has been working on various aspects of this with a few farmers.

Mass Surya Namaskara on Jan. 21

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Mysuru District Yoga Sports Foundation in association with Mysuru Vivekananda Yoga Education and Research Institute, will be organising a mass Surya Namaskara Yoga display in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of the Mysore Palace at 6 am on Jan.21 (Sunday). The participants are required to report at the venue at 5.30 am on Jan. 21.

For details, call: 94486-00581, according to a press release from the organisers.

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Shri. J. Bhimananda Gupta
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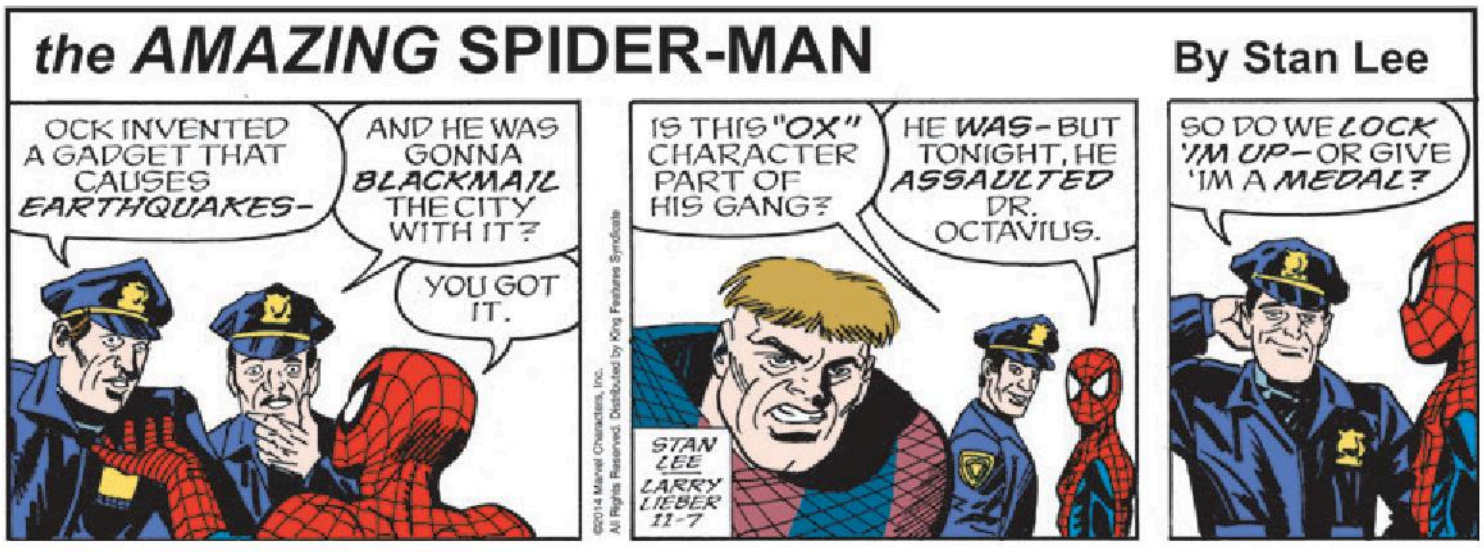
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Dec.28) between 10 am and 6 pm: Nanjumalige Circle, Seetharanga, Rehman Mohalla, Jain Bhavan, Dewan's Road, Lakshmipuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Narayana Shastry Road, Kakaravadi, Nalabeedi, Hosakeri, Chamarajapuram, Agrahara, Thyagaraja Road, Industrial Suburb, Viveshwaranagar, Krishnamurthypuram, Balall Circle, Nachanahalli Palya, Gundu Roa Nagar, Kanakagiri, Ashokapuram, Saraswathipuram, Railway Workshop, Mahadevapura, Ramabhai Nagar, Srirampura, Jayanagar, K.G. Koppal, Shivapura Devalapura hobli, Adichunchanagiri Road, J.P. Nagar and surrounding areas.

Play this evening

Indian Theatre, Mysuru, has organised staging of play 'Bheemannana Maga' at Kalamandira today (Dec.27) at 7 pm. For details, contact Mob: 94483-51556 or 97402-37577.

Interaction

Mysore University and Negilayogi Vidyavardhaka Competitive Centre together have organised an interaction between officers and candidates selected for KAS in 2014 along with candidates undergoing training in 2017 batch today at 6 pm at Vidyavardhaka Institutions near RMC. Mysore University Registrar Bharati would inaugurate the programme. KAS Officers Shekar, Raghu and Chandraiah would interact with the candidates.

Health camp

Narayana Multispecialty Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a Prostate Cancer Screening Camp at its premises on Dec.28 and 29 from 10 am to 3 pm [Mob: 95380-52378].

Lecture cancelled

The Technical lecture on 'Geo-Spatial Technology' by Dr. Jeganathan Chockalingam, Professor, Department of Remote Sensing, Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) University, Mesra, Ranchi, Jarkhand, scheduled to be held at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city at 6 pm today stands cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

Singing Contest

As part of Vishwamanava Day-2017, Vishwamanava Vidyaniketana has organised Bhavageete Singing Contest at the School premises in Ramakrishnanagar at 10 am on Dec.29. Senior theatre artiste Dr. H.K. Ramanath, Sugama Sangeetha Singers Rekha Venkatesh and Prabha Srinivasaiah will be the juries. Valedictory will be held at 2 pm. Retd. Hindi Professor G. Chandrashekar will preside. Retd. Regional Resource Co-ordinating Officer R. Govindaiah will be the chief guest and distributes prizes.

'Congress will retain power'

State in-charge K.C. Venugopal addresses Booth-level party workers in Mysuru

Congress party in-charge of Karnataka K.C. Venugopal and KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Chamaraja Constituency Booth-level Meeting of party workers at the Congress office in city yesterday. Others seen are (from right) MLA Vasu, AICC in-charge of Mysuru Division Congress P.C. Vishnunath, party leader Sooraj Hegde and District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar.

Mysuru, Dec.27 (SBD&DM)- Claiming that the Siddharamaiah Government in the State was performing well, AICC General Secretary and Congress party in-charge of Karnataka K.C. Venugopal has expressed the hope that the party would retain power in the 2018 Assembly polls.

Addressing Chamaraja Booth-level party workers at the Congress office here yesterday, Venugopal stressed on the need for intensifying the party's *'Mane-Manege Congress'* programme, in order to reach out to people.

Pointing out that this was the right time to further strengthen the party's organisational base, he said now that the Gujarat polls are over, the nation's focus has turned towards Karnataka, which is going to the polls in a couple of months.

Maintaining that Rahul Gandhi's elevation as AICC President has led to new thoughts in the party, he reiterated the need for taking Government programmes and initiatives to the doorstep of the people.

KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara, in his address, said that there were 54,000 Booth-level Committees in the State and 6.5 lakh workers were issued identity cards by the party.

Stating that Karnataka stands first in Booth-level Committees, he called upon the party workers to engage themselves in strengthening the party's organisation from Grassroot level.

Former Minister Prof. B.K. Chandrashekar and other Congress leaders too addressed the party workers.

AICC Secretary in-charge of Mysuru division Congress P.C. Vishnunath, leader Sooraj Hegde, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar, MLA Vasu, MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar, MyLAC Chairman H.A. Venkatesh, ZAK Chairperson Mallige Veerash, former State Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa, former ZP President Dr. Pushpa Amaranath and others were present.

Similarly, N.R. Block Congress Booth-level meeting was hold at Shabnam Choultry on Suryanarayan Temple Road in Rajivnagar and K.R. Block meeting was held at Chikkamma Niketana Samudaya Bhavan in Kuvempunagar, which were addressed by KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara, party in-charge of Karnataka K.C. Venugopal and other leaders.

Two arrested for assaulting

Pani Puri vendor's son in Hunsur

Sadiq and Rafiq

Hunsur, Dec.27 (RG&KS)- Hunsur Police have arrested two youths at the Bus Stand in the early morning on Dec.25 for assaulting a person with iron road and trying to flee from the town.

The arrested youths have been identified as 22-year-old Rafiq and 23-year-old Sadiq, residents of Lalbandh Street in the town.

It is alleged that the duo were teasing a school girl everyday when she was returning home and on Saturday last the duo held the girl's hand and harassed her.

On learning this, the girl's brother identified as Vishwa (son of a *pani puri* vendor residing in Shivajyothi Nagar in Hunsur), along with his friend Mahesh, questioned Rafiq which irked him. Rafiq, along with his friend Sadiq and others then assaulted Vishwa and Mahesh with iron rods injuring them seriously who have been admitted to a hospital with severe head injuries.

Hunsur Police, who registered a case in this regard, launched a hunt to nab the assaulters.

The Police team led by Circle Inspector Poovaiah and SI Puttaswamy searched for them in the town and finally found them at about 4.30 am in the Bus Stand waiting for a bus to flee from the town and succeeded in arresting them.

Additional SP Rudramuni, who visited the Police Station on Dec.25 morning, interrogated the two accused, during which the Police came to know that Rafiq had cases of thefts at various Police Stations.

Police produced the accused before a Magistrate, who has remanded them to Judicial custody.

Gold jewellery worth about Rs. 5 lakh looted from Public Prosecutor's house

Mysuru, Dec.27 (SBD&KS)- House burglars, who gained entry into the house of a Public Prosecutor, have decamped with gold jewellery worth about Rs.5 lakh from the house.

The burglary took place in the house of P.S. Muthamma at HUDCO Layout in N.R. Mohalla in city. Muthamma is the Special Public Prosecutor of ACB and Lokayukta.

The burglars, who gained entry into the house by breaking open the rear door, have decamped with gold jewellery kept in the almirah. Muthamma, who had to attend a marriage ceremony had brought the jewels kept in a Bank locker to her house.

Muthamma, on Dec.22, had locked the house and had gone out of station along with her family and the incident came to light when she returned the next day and saw the rear door of the house forcibly opened.

On inspecting the house, she found the gold jewels kept in the almirah missing and immediately lodged a complaint with N.R. Police in this regard.

N.R. Police, based on the complaint, have registered a case and are investigating.

Complaint lodged against house maid for theft

In another incident, a resident of V.V. Puram has lodged a complaint against the house maid for stealing gold finger ring and other things from his house.

The person, who has lodged a complaint, has been identified as B.A. Chengappa. In his complaint, Chengappa has stated that the house maid Priyanka, a resident of Kumbarakoppal, has stolen a gold finger ring weighing about 4.8 grams, sweater and other things from his house.

V.V. Puram Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Obituary

Jayamma

Mysuru, Dec.27- Jayamma (73), a resident of Basaveshwaranagar here, passed away this morning at her residence, following a brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, sons, daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at Kuvempunagar burial ground in city at 4.30 pm today, according to family sources.

Family can be contacted on Mob: 77604-46008 (Kumar).

Soldier threatens villagers with air gun; Police let him off with warning

Mysuru, Dec. 27- A serving soldier threatened a group of people in a dispute with his relative with an air gun that resembles a pistol, at Gananguru village near Srirangapatna in Mandya yesterday. He was detained by the Police only to be let off with a warning later.

The accused has been identified as Rohit Shetty from Mysuru and he flashed the gun at Manju and Suresh. Rohit Shetty who married one Ram Shetty's granddaughter Harshita had gone to the latter's village on Dec.25. He was at home when he came to know that Ram Shetty was exchanging words with his relatives Manju and Prakash over a land dispute.

Ram Shetty had lodged a complaint at Srirangapatna Rural Police Station over the dispute on Dec.24.

Following the complaint, ASI Huchhegowda inspected the said land and when the complaint turned out to be false, the angry relatives of Shetty chastised him.

This led to a wordy duel. Rohit, who came to the spot, aimed the air gun at aggrieved parties, in front of the Police personnel. Tense moments prevailed in the area as Rohit flashed the gun. The Policemen, who were caught off guard, later heaved a sigh of relief after it came to light that it was an air gun.

The Police summoned Rohit Shetty and Ram Shetty to the Police Station and warned them of legal action if they continued to threaten villagers with the gun.

Villagers later convinced the Police not to book a case against Rohit Shetty. He was let off with a warning.

Fire near Raja Seat in Kodagu

Valuable trees and bushes gutted

Madikeri, Dec.27- A fire in the hill in the vicinity of Raja Seat destroyed over 15 acres of garden yesterday afternoon. The fire was later brought under control.

Thousands of people visit the Raja Seat Gardens especially for the mesmerising sunrise and sunset.

The fire was noticed at the watch tower at about at 2 pm and it engulfed almost half of the hill range by evening.

The inferno could not be controlled due to the strong wind and also as the Fire Service personnel could not reach the spot as the conditions were hostile. Since it is a steep area, Fire Service personnel could not take the extinguishers there. With the help of locals, the Police tried to douse the fire. Tourists were evacuated from the place and the surroundings of the fire were blocked.

Valuable trees and bushes were gutted in the fire. According to Forest Department officials, some miscreants would have either intentionally set the dry grass on fire or the fire could have been caused due to a burning cigarette butt.

A large number of tourists had visited Raja Seat during Christmas and there was entry to the watch tower as well.

KHB Scam

Five accused in Judicial custody granted bail

Mysuru, Dec.27 (RK&KS)- City's Third Additional District and Sessions Court yesterday granted conditional bail to the five accused in Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) scam who were in Judicial custody.

Judge Sudheendranath, who heard the bail plea petition, granted conditional bail after receiving Rs.2 lakh surety from each of the five accused.

The accused, who were arrested in the scam and sent to Judicial custody are KHB Asst. Executive Engineer M.B. Somashekar, Asst. Engineer M. Mahesh and middlemen Jnaneshwar, Vijayakumar and N.B. Vasu.

It may be recalled that the KHB, in a bid to form layouts, had proposed to acquire land after paying Rs.36.50 lakh per acre as compensation to land-loser farmers in Gurgral Chatra, Kallur Naganahalli and Yelachanahalli.

As the land acquisition process got underway, allegations that officials and middlemen entered into Sale Deed with farmers by paying them anywhere between 8 and 18 lakh per acre in 2008-09, after securing GPA for Rs.36.50 lakh per acre cropped up. But as the middlemen had to pocket their share of money only through the bank account of the land-loser farmers, they opened fresh bank accounts for the farmers and withdraw the money by presenting cheques signed by the land-losers.

Following complaints of massive irregularities by officials and middlemen in the acquisition of 81 acres of land in Yelwal hobli, the State Government then had ordered a Lokayukta probe into the alleged scam which was later transferred to ACB on Dec.18.

The initial Lokayukta probe had revealed that the compensation fixed without the knowledge of the land-losers and although the KHB had fixed Rs. 36.50 lakh per acre as compensation, the price was not known to the farmers.

The Lokayukta, in its report, had sought the Housing Department's permission for prosecuting all those involved in the alleged scam.

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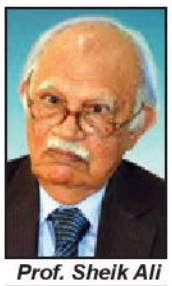
Journey of a natural farmer through the eyes of a Historian



Prof. Sheik Ali

Renowned Historian and former Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore and Goa Universities Prof. B. Sheik Ali, an avid reader of *Star of Mysore,* is penning an article for this newspaper for the first time. The nonagenarian, in his lucid hand, writes about the importance of natural farming and highlights how M.K. Kailash Murthy, a natural farmer, cultivates his lands in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar without using any fertilisers. —Editor

By Prof. B. Sheik Ali

There is no dearth for creative vision even in Mysuru. If N.R. Narayana Murthy has gifted Infosys and Raja Ramanna, Atomic Energy, **M.K. Kailash Murthy** is presenting us Natural Farming. His passions are two — generate power through solar energy and explore soil potentials for agricultural products.

The two farms he owns in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts are blooming with a variety of agricultural crops through natural farming without any fertilisers. He has very successfully experimented what vital potentials exist in mother earth.

Have we ever reflected that a grain of wheat or a blade of grass would not grow unless all the vital forces of the soil together with the heat and light of the sun would not lend their help to them? Murthy had concentrated more and more on these two factors, the natural resources within the soil and the powerful energy up from the sky.

We accept after independence we brought about green revolution, but Murthy would question at what cost? The revolution came about through inorganic manure, enriching the soil through artificial means.

He is opposed to this concept. His Academy of Natural Farming holds the view that the soil does not need man-made fertilisers. They suck the vitality of the soil and yield rich crops for a short period, but in the long run, they are extremely harmful. On the other hand the humus produced by the herbs, weeds and leaf litters is so rich in potential that it is enough to act as a powerful agent for good crops. He has very successfully conducted experiments on air point, which yielded him very good results.

His intense interest in the utility and vitality of potentials below and above, earth and sky, brought about some significant results. One was increased production, more than twice the quantity through conventional methods. The other was vast improvement in quality. His papaya and mango taste like honey.

He has become a progressive farmer known for innovative measures disseminating technology for the development of horticulture and cash crops.

The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, reported that Murthy had dedicated himself to natural farming which would supply all the benefits of forests in addition to producing sustainable food crops. Other experts say his farm is a feast to the eyes, where there is no tillage, no weeding, no pruning and no application of fertilisers and no chemicals of any sort. The concept is harmony in potentials of the soil, if only man takes to right type of analysis.

The mutual help of symbiotic relationship exists in natural forests, like the functioning of any living being. Different horticultural plants such as banana, mango and coffee grow more luxuriously under natural conditions than under conditional practices. Added to that they would be free from pests and diseases.

This system of natural farming is extremely helpful for bio-diversity of both flora and fauna. It recharges groundwater, checks soil erosion, helps insects, birds, reptiles and earthworms to flourish and enriches micro-organism. The technique used is mulching, covering the soil with weeds and leaf-litters, very thick in size, 6 to 9 inches.

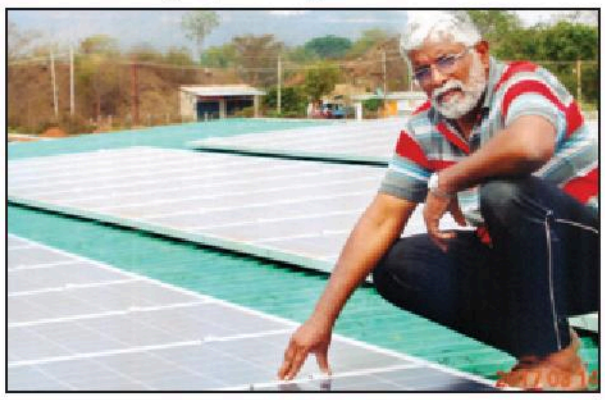
A survey of this farm has stated that as many as 138 species of herbs, plants and trees belonging to 28 families are growing here in harmony like a forest ecosystem by using only sunlight. Rainwater trickles down to the roots.

The astonishing feature of this kind of farming is the cost reduction in production. Only one labour attends to farm activity on regular basis for a farm of six acres. No pesticide of any kind is bought and no fertilisers. With zero input, maximum output is gained.

The list of crops grown is quite long. Coconut, Arecanut, Mango, Guava, Sapota, Papaya, Banana, Jamun, Jackfruit, Butter-fruit, Litchis, Lemon and other crops come under sustainable, subsistence farming, a feature highly desirable for Indian situation.

Another feature here is its forest ecosystem where Peacocks lay eggs, Hornbills weave nests and insects, birds, worms and reptiles thrive to present a panorama of a natural forest with neem, teak, rosewood, silver oak, totalling about 3,069 trees.

At a time of global warming through excessive release of carbon, Kailash Murthy's venture seems to be a revolution of sorts in agricultural sector. He has turned a farm of 22 acres into a mini-forest in one of the most drought-prone region of Karnataka.



One more very significant point to note is that Murthy happens to be the first person in the world to use solar energy for the production and preservation of food crops.

He has been very successful in this endeavour. He has shown that use of photosynthesis principle would not only cut the cost of production but also would enhance enormously the quality and quantity of products. One would be amazed at the bunch of bananas he had raised.

Silent Revolution

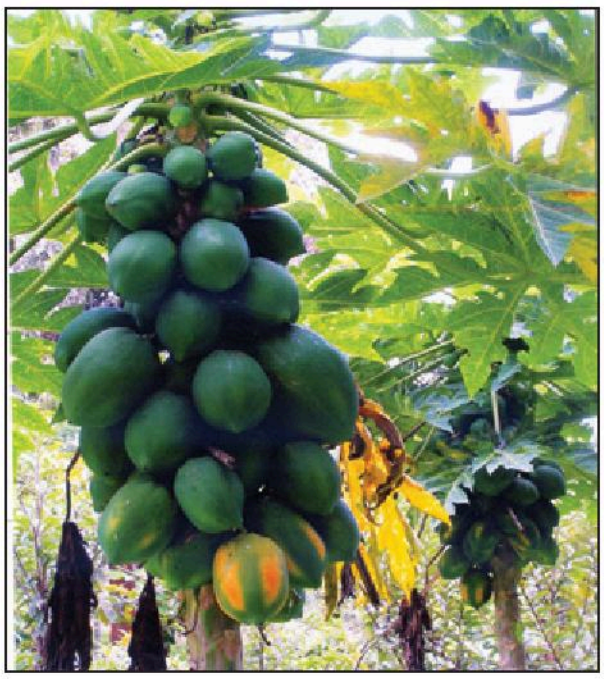
In conclusion, we may say Kailash Murthy has brought a silent revolution in the agricultural sector through his natural farming, which could be an eye-opener to the planners of our country.

He has shown with zero input, one can earn lakhs. He would say we do more damage to ourselves and to our land if we were to ignore the vital forces that exist in nature. He would say the response to the growing population of the country would be **innovative measures, creative vision** and **intuitive intellect.** He would say observe laws of nature which possess potentials of inner growth. He would say follow your instinct and not your logic. He would say the consumer would be greatly benefited by buying products of natural farming, as the cost of production through conventional means would be much higher.

It is indeed a wonder that a person gives up his cosy bank job, takes to farming and conducts such experiments that bring outstanding results. It costs him nothing except his thought process. Of course, he got inspired by a Japanese Scientist, Masanobu Fukuoka's *'The One-Straw Revolution.'* He objectified his mighty things of reaping 30 quintals of rice per acre in a farm where exists 300 varieties of plant species, some of them medicinal, apart from scores of agricultural crops.

He is a legend in the area of his activity, a path-finder showing how to live and how to be happy. Such men are rare indeed! How we wish we had more Kailash Murthy's in our land!

Natural farmer M.K. Kailash Murthy seen with a huge bunch of nearly 300 raw bananas.



Lastly, Murthy is prepared to directly supply his products of natural farming, including rice, to the consumers at a price much lower than the price of products raised through organic or inorganic (chemical) fertilisers.

[Kailash Murthy can be contacted on Mob: 98801-85757 or 98451 25808].

Zoo spreads warmth in a season of biting cold

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MTY&BCT)- As the cold season has gripped the city, it is not only the humans that are feeling the chill. Our animal friends at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) are also finding it difficult to survive the biting cold.

With mercury levels coming down, the over 1,500 inmates of the Zoo are taking advantage of the cosy conditions inside their tiny enclosure created by the authorities to keep them warm.

The Zoo officials have not left any stone unturned to help the animals to brave the winter chill without much discomfort.

They have installed room heaters in the enclosures, straw and jute gunny bag seats and have covered the enclosures and cages with sheets of gunny bag and tarpaulin-like materials. The Zoo authorities are also prepared to face a further dip in temperature.

Apart from warm materials, mercury lights that emit heat are placed near the cages so that the animals can bask under the heat. The lights are placed in such a way that the animals do not get to touch them and come in contact with electricity. These bulbs and heaters are switched on 24x7 to create artificial warmth.

"We are keeping animals warm and healthy by providing the artificial temperature in their cages. Special care is being taken for cat family, including lions, tigers and leopards. Their cages are covered and are under the supervision of veterinarians. Apart from providing warm atmosphere, their dietary plan too has been altered," said Zoo Executive Director C. Ravishankar.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, he said, "During winter, we usually increase the supply of food. Primates are usually fed with eggs, cut fruits and nuts. For herbivores, we provide fresh leaves and amla. Carnivores are fed with extra meat, milk and eggs to retain energy for a longer time," he said.

As the temperature levels are dipping during the night and early mornings, the animals are finding it difficult to adjust to the change in the weather. The minimum temperature in Mysuru is in the range of 14.9 to 16 degree Celsius. A few animals in the Zoo have stay put in the cage unable to adapt to the sudden change in weather.

"A few mammals, especially apes, chimpanzees and rhesus macaques, do not tolerate cold weather while elephants, deer, and bison do not face any trouble due to change in temperature levels. Heaters have been provided in the enclosures that house lions, leopards and tigers and cots with wooden planks have been placed in their enclosures as the floors turn very cold. Bulbs are kept switched on in the glass cages housing snakes to keep them warm," the Executive Director said.

Hyenas and wild dogs are fed chicken to keep them warm as it is breeding time for them. Extra care is taken to provide nutritious and protein-rich food to the animals and warm water for drinking, he added.

"Food supplied to the animals increased by 5% during winter when compared to other months. Reptiles are cold-blooded animals and we ensure that they are cared for during winter. In the wild, they can go to boroughs and hibernate. Since they do not have that option in captivity, we use heaters to keep the enclosures warm," Ravishankar said.

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Minister opens Organic Millets Mela

Mysuru, Dec.27 (MTY&KS)- The two-day Organic Millets Mela, organised by the Department of Agriculture of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Ramanagaram districts, began at Scouts and Guides Grounds near the DC's office here this morning. Hundreds of farmers from the four districts were ferried to the venue by KSRTC buses and the Mela is being held to create awareness about the advantages of growing millets for the farming community and also about their health benefits to the public.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who inaugurated the two-day Millets Mela, is seen taking a look at the millets displayed at one of the stalls as MLA Vasu, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and others look on.

The two-day Mela was inaugurated by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of MLA Vasu, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairperson Mallige Veeresh, ZP President Nayeema Sulthana, Mysuru Agriculture Department Joint Director Somasundar, Chamarajanagar Agriculture Department Joint Director Thirumallesh and others.

About 40 stalls have been erected at the venue where farmers from the four districts are selling their produce such as ragi, jowar, paddy, unpolished rice, jaggery and grains which are grown and processed organically and naturally without using chemicals. The Agriculture Department has displayed modern and traditional agricultural equipment at the venue.

Earlier, after the 'Naada Geethe' was sung during which those who were present at the venue stood up in respect, the announcer asked the audience to sit down following which the 'Raitha Geethe' was played which irked a group of farmers, who alleged that it was a disrespect to the 'Raitha Geethe' and staged a protest. The organisers again played the 'Raitha Geethe' with everyone standing up.

Today, only seminars would be held and tomorrow a Technical Seminar would be held from 9.30 am to 11.30 am following which a cooking competition using millets would be held from 11.30 am onwards. Valedictory will be held tomorrow at 5 pm during which prizes would be distributed to the winners of the cooking contest.

Food Fest and Cake Carnival

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Adivasi cooks from H.D. Kote, led by G. Swamy and Vijaykumar, are busy preparing the oil-less vegetarian biriyani that costs Rs.60 per plate and like the bamboo chicken biryani that was served during the Dasara celebrations, the demand for this biryani is also going to be high, said an organiser of the festival.

Even as the avarekai mela is attracting attention at the nearby Alamma Choultry, (which is going to end today), another attraction at the food festival is the avarekai feast.

There are varieties of avarekai and each bowl of roasted, steamed or dry ones cost Rs.30. For instance, avarekai will be steamed in earthen pots with red mud placed on top of the lid and there will be no water but only salt and spices will be added. The roasted avarekai will not be peeled but roasted in a frying pan.

Forest tubers, which will be roasted and topped with honey, costs Rs.50 a bowl, while bamboo rice payasam also costs the same. Makali beru tea is being sold at Rs.20 a cup and navane rice gruel at Rs.50 a bowl are some of the exotic dishes available at the festival.

Cake festival is another major attraction as young girls were seen posing in front of the wedding gown designed by Aroma bakery and clicking pictures. The wedding cake baked by Dolphin bakery is six feet in height and weighs 120 kg, which is also a major draw.

No word from UGC on recognition: KSOU VC

Mysuru, Dec.27- Even as the two-week deadline set by the Karnataka High Court to the UGC (University Grants Commission), asking it to grant re-recognition to Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) for offering non-technical courses ended yesterday, the KSOU is yet to hear any word from the UGC on the matter.

The High Court, while hearing a petition filled by KSOU seeking directions to the UGC for granting recognition to its courses, on Dec.12, had directed the UGC to grant recognition to KSOU within two weeks.

Speaking to *SOM* over phone from Mangaluru this morning, KSOU VC Prof. D. Shivalingaiah said that so far the KSOU has not received any communication from the UGC on granting re-recognition to the University to run non-technical courses.

The KSOU Board of Management meeting is scheduled for Jan.3, during which the issue will be discussed in detail, he said and added that the KSOU will come up with the next course of action in accordance with the resolutions that will be passed at the Jan.3 meeting.

North Karnataka observes bandh over Mahadayi row

Mysuru, Dec.27- The North Karnataka bandh called by Mahadayi-Kalasa Banduri Nala Horata Samanvaya Samiti, seeking early solution to the Mahadayi row, was near total today in four districts of Malaprabha Command Area — Dharwad, Belagavi, Gadag and Bagalkot.

The bandh was supported by several pro-Kannada and a host of other organisations. Normal life was thrown out of gear in the four districts, as shops, business and other commercial establishments, schools, colleges and other educational institutions and public offices were shut for the day.

Buses and other public transport vehicles were out of the roads in most parts of the four districts.

The impact of the bandh was total in Gadag, Dharwad, Bagalkot, Hubballi, Bailahongala and neighbouring areas.

Police had made elaborate security arrangements at Nargund in Gadag and Navalgund in Dharwad, the epicentre of Mahadayi agitation with the protesters demanding the intervention of PM Narendra Modi to solve the dispute.

Mahadayi river dispute is a over three-decade one involving Karnataka, Maharashtra and Goa. Karnataka has been demanding diversion of some quantity of Mahadayi waters from its tributaries Kalasa and Banduri to drought-hit districts of North Karnataka. Following the bandh call, Karnatak University, Karnataka State Law University and Visvesvaraya Technological University had postponed the exams that were scheduled for today (Dec.27).

Protests for Mahadayi in city

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MTY&VNS) – Various pro-farmer and progressive organisations including the Raitha Sangha, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association, Karunada Janashakthi Vedike, staged a protest at Gandhi Square in city this morning demanding justice for the State in Mahadayi and Kalasa Banduri projects. The protestors alleged that the BJP MPs and other leaders had failed to bring justice for the State and added that they had only used the issue for political gains. The political leaders, irrespective of their party affiliations, should come together and work towards resolving these issues for the welfare of the State, they demanded.

Meanwhile, the members of both City and District Congress Committees staged a separate protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust near Mysore Court Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard.

Mysurean found dead

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Meanwhile, Soori Babu's body was found at a lake in Nellore and Udayagiri Police (in Nellore) could establish his identity as they had got the receipt issued by Chandru Pawn Brokers for the gold bracelet he had mortgaged for Rs.30,000.

Udayagiri Police, after booking a UDR (Unidentified Death Report) case, immediately contacted Chandru Pawn Brokers and informed about the dead body.

Soori Babu's parents were alerted by the pawn broker shop staff and the family members contacted Udayagiri Police. After establishing the antecedents, the Police agreed to send the dead body to Mysuru after performing post-mortem. The Police said that as of now, they have registered an UDR case and they would wait for the post-mortem report.

Family members have suspected that Shanthi would have killed Soori Babu along with the help of her relatives and friends and had narrated a different story to fool them. They have told Nellore Police that there was no understanding between the couple and fought frequently.

Soori Babu's body is expected to come to Mysuru this evening.

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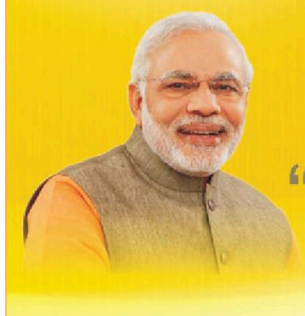
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Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

In this week's Pet Talk,

Maneka talks about depression in dogs and post operation requirements after neutering pet?

What is fish food made of?

The food for aquarium freshwater fishes is:

Dry food: It includes flakes, pellets and sticks. Flakes and sticks are often low in fibre and can cause constipation, therefore the food should be supplemented with vegetables; **Freeze dried:** blood worms and krill; **Frozen:** Zooplankton, fish, whitebait, squid, clams, mussels and prawns; **Live foods:** Earthworms, river shrimp and large insects.

What are the post operation requirements after neutering your pet?

The healing process takes up to 7-10 days. Any strenuous activity could disrupt the healing process. It is very important that the activity is limited during the healing process. The animal must be kept indoors, clean, dry, and warm. No running, jumping, playing, swimming, or other strenuous activity during the 7-10 day recovery period. They are not to be bathed or groomed during the recovery period. When outdoors, dogs should be on a leash and taken for short walks only, for next 10 days. Make sure your cat has a comfortable spot to sleep in a confined, secure, quiet place. Once she's settled, she's likely to sleep it off and will be fine upon awakening.

Your pet may have poor balance. This will make climbing stairs, or getting in and out of the car, more difficult than usual, so be ready to assist. Help your dog in and out of the car, as sudden movements can damage his stitches. Lift the dog by wrapping your arms around the dog's chest/front legs and rear/back legs. The veterinary surgeon must cut through the dog's abdominal wall muscles during the procedure, making the entire torso very sensitive and tender, so pick up in a way that you do not stretch the skin and abdominal muscles.

Your pet may be groggy when you get home, experiencing a "hang-over" from the anaesthesia. Your pet may sleep much more than normal, for 18-24 hours following surgery.

He may be a little agitated or aggressive due to the after-effects of anaesthesia. Avoid handling the animal too much as he/she may try to bite or scratch you.

Post-Operative Instructions: The First Night — Food and water: Start with a very small (1/8 cup) meal of your pet's regular food. Offer a small (1/4 cup) amount of water or ice cubes. If this stays down for an hour, then offer another small meal and drink. Do not allow your pet to "guzzle" unlimited water or food – this often leads to stomach upset. If your pet has no interest in food or water the first night after surgery, this is not a cause for concern. If he or she does not eat the day following surgery, get back to the vet immediately.

It is important to monitor your pet's incision closely – check it at least once a day for the next 2 weeks. Mild swelling, bruising, and even a little pinkish discharge, can all be normal for the first 24 hours. After that, the incision should look nothing but better from there. Any redness, discharge, or discomfort is cause for concern.

Things to Keep in Mind for the Next 14 Days: Do not let your pet lick the incision. It it is VITAL that you purchase a collar and put it on your pet immediately.

Dogs should be leash-walked only (no running loose) for one week after surgery. Female cats should be kept indoors for one week. Excess activity can lead to swelling at the incision, or tearing of the sutures and opening of the incision.

No baths or swimming for one week after surgery. There is no need to clean the incision with anything, and do not apply any ointments, bandages, or medications.

Vomiting is the most common post-anaesthesia complication. Vomiting once or twice the night after surgery is very normal. Shaking or trembling for the first night home can be a normal side effect of the anaesthesia wearing off. It should resolve completely within 24 hours. If pain medication is sent home, it is to be started the next day. All animals receive pain medication during surgery that will last the first 24 hours. Neither Metacam nor Carpofen have any sedative effects. Tramadol can cause mild sedation. If your pet is vomiting, no pain medications should be given.

A small, firm, knuckle-sized swelling at the incision can be a normal reaction, as the suture knot under the skin dissolves. It should be completely gone within a month of surgery. Check the incision twice daily. It may be slightly red and there may be minor swelling in the day or two following surgery. A small amount of blood-tinged discharge is normal, particularly during the first few days.

Remove dried discharge with a warm, damp washcloth. Hold the washcloth against the incision for a few seconds, and then gently wipe away the discharge.

A small dab of antibiotic cream can be applied to the incision during the first couple of days post-spay. Clean the incision by applying Betadine to a cotton ball or cotton pad. Dab the Betadine onto dog's incision. This is only necessary after removing discharge, or if your dog contaminates the wound by licking it, etc. (This is another reason why the dog's e-collar must stay on until healing is complete!)

Place a blanket or towel over the bed, because dogs are very prone to vomiting after surgery due to the effects of the anaesthesia. Also, many dogs will urinate in their sleep. Your pet will be sleeping very deeply due to the after-effects of anaesthesia and she may experience sleep incontinence, particularly if she received IV fluids during the procedure. The nausea and the dog's refusal to eat and drink should disappear within 24 hours after surgery. If your dog is vomiting and still refusing to eat and drink 24 hours later, consult your veterinarian.

Signs of an infected incision or another problem include: A gap between the edges of the incision, Redness, Swelling, Pus discharge, A large amount of discharge, An odour, Bleeding, especially after the first 36 hours post-surgery, Pale gums,Torn stitches, Dislodged staples or an Open incision, Excessive panting or vocalizing due to pain (especially beyond the first 12-24 hours post-surgery).

Take a daily photograph of the incision; compare the photos. This will enable you to monitor healing without relying on memory. If the redness, swelling, discharge, or general appearance of the wound is looking worse with time, this signals an infection! Get your dog to the veterinary clinic immediately.

Are dogs prone to depression?

Dog depression symptoms are very similar to those in people. Dogs will become withdrawn. They become inactive. Their eating and sleeping habits often change. They don't participate in the things they once enjoyed. But this could also mean that a dog has a medical problem. So, the first course of action should always be a full check-up by a veterinarian. A pet that mopes around and no longer wants to go for walks could simply have pain from arthritis.

Reasons for depression could be a major change, like moving into a new home, a new spouse or baby in the household, or adding another pet. Even a change in the dog's schedule, for instance a stay-at-home owner who takes a job. The two most common triggers of severe dog depression are the loss of a companion animal or the loss of an owner.

Most dogs bounce back from depression within a few days to a few months with just a little extra affection, Keep them engaged, do more of the things they like to do, get them a little more exercise and they should be fine. Reward them when they show signs of happiness. If the only thing that still gets a little tail wag out of your dog is a car ride, then take him for a series of short rides each day, praising and rewarding him when he appears happier.

Medications for depressed dogs are the same as those used by depressed humans -- Paxil, Prozac, and Zoloft. Clomicalm is sometimes used for the treatment of separation anxiety in dogs. But I would not recommend drugs, as these can often cause kidney failure.

Depression affects different dogs in different ways. Here are common indicators: Being down in mood and body. A lack of joy or interest in what the dog used to look forward to. This is usually displayed by lethargy, inactivity and moping. A hanging head, tail down or between the legs, or usually perky ears appearing to be droopy or "pulled back."

Change in eating habits. Most depressed dogs eat less; some refuse food.

Oversleeping. Although dogs average about 14 hours of sleep per 24-hour cycle in a series of naps, some depressed dogs may find it hard to get out of bed. If you leave your dog for work and he continues to sleep after you get home, barely reacting to your presence, something is probably wrong.

Destructive and/or aggressive behaviour. Usually affecting normally calmer dogs, this usually suggests the pet isn't getting enough exercise.

Seeming "lost" at home. Particularly following the loss of a family member, some depressed dogs pace room-to-room looking for that individual. Others no longer engage in normal "greeting behaviours" when family members come home. These behaviours may be accompanied with whining or sighing.

Paw licking. Excessive licking or chewing may be rooted in physiological or psychological issues. Depressed dogs will often lick or chew their paws to soothe themselves.

Avoidance and hiding. This kind of behaviour typically means one of two things: illness or injury (with depression falling under the "illness" category). Dogs that suddenly hide, or want to be left alone, behave that way because something is bothering them. If it's not physical, it's likely emotional.

What is the punishment for stoning animals?

As per Section 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, stoning, beating, kicking, over-riding, overloading, over-driving, torturing or otherwise treating any animal so as to subject it to unnecessary pain amounts to cruelty on animals. And whoever indulges in an act of cruelty to animals makes himself liable for action under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

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Barefoot Marathon held in Kodagu

Mysuru, Dec. 27- The Coorg Barefoot Marathon organised by Coorg Wellness Foundation at Tata Coffee Sports Ground was held recently in Kodagu. Over 375 participants belonging to Kodagu and other places took part in the event. The marathon was organised to make people feel more for their motherland and with nature.

The winners were also rewarded with cash prizes.

RESULTS

42 Km: 1. Naninaya Sowmaiya (Rs. 25,000), 2. Jeethan Bagamandala (Rs. 10,000). **21 Km:** 1. Hosaklu Chinappa (Rs. 8,000), 2. Dhireen Machaiah (Rs. 5,000). **10 Km:** 1. Chengappa (Rs. 3,000), 2. Lava (Rs. 2,000). **Women Category: 42 Km:** 1. Anitha (Rs. 8,000). **21 Km:** Kaveri (Rs. 5,000).

10 Km: Unnathi Uthapp (Rs. 3,000). **Senior Citizen:** B.P. Ganapathy (Rs. 5,000).

Non-natives of Kodagu, were gifted with locally cultivated Coffee, Pepper & Rice. Later, the participants were entertained by showcasing Kodagu cultural dance by the students of Cauvery College and Suraj and team.

Karnataka State Open Chess tournament

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Chikkamagaluru District Chess Association under the aegis of the United Karnataka Chess Association (UKCA) jointly with the Chikkamangaluru District Journalist Union, Mudigere Taluk Journalist Union and Horanadu Sri Annapoorneshwari Temple, will be conducting the Karnataka State Open Chess Tournament at the Sri Annapoorneshwari Temple premises, Horanadu on Feb.3 - 4, 2018. The total cash prize fund for the tournament is Rs. 1.09 lakh cash prizes will be given up to the 25th place. Separate cash prizes for Rated (Under 1800), Unrated Rated (Under 1200), Rated (Under 1400) and Rated (Under 1600) is in the offing.

Cash prizes for Chikkamagaluru District players, veterans above 55 years and ladies above 18 years will be given.

Entry fees Rs. 700 and the last date for registration is on or before Jan. 31, 2018. For details, contact: K. Sudeer on Mob: 81972 98369.

KSCA Mysuru Zone Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Tournament

Devanand's century goes in vain

Mysuru, Dec. 27- An unbeaten century by V. Devanand (101 n.o, 12x4, 3x6) went in vain as Mysore City Gymkhana lost to Navodaya CC by 75-runs in the first round tie of the KSCA Mysuru Zone's Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Tournament match played at the JSS-SJCE Grounds here on Tuesday.

Scores: Navodaya CC 242 in 47 overs (Karthik 52, Karthik Urs 49, Vinyas 30, Yojith three for 54, Devanand three for 61) bt Mysore City Gymkhana 167 in 31.2 overs (Devanand 101 n.o, Kushal 25, Sachin 4 for 38, Chethan 3 for 3, Vijay two for 27).

Mysore Varsity women's TT Team

The University of Mysore Women's Table Tennis team that will be taking part in the South Zone Inter-University Table Tennis Tournament 2017-18 to be held at SRM University, Chennai from Dec. 27 to 30. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Lakshmi Venugopal, M. Supriya and U. Sowmya and*** *(sitting from left)* ***Dr. B.V. Ganesh (Coach), University of Mysore Department of Physical Education In-charge Director Dr. P. Krishanaiah, Team Manager A.J. Ramaswamy and M.V. Spoorthi (Captain).***

MDFA 'B' Division League from Dec. 28

Mysuru, Dec. 27- The Mysore District Football Association (MDFA) will be conducting the 'B' Division League matches for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy from Dec. 28 at the University Football Grounds.

Twelve teams will be taking part in the tournament which will be played on a league-cum-super-league basis. In group 'A'- Soniya FC, Bravers FC, Youngmen's FC, Easter FC, Town SC, Bannur and KR Mill FC are pitted against each other, while in the Group 'B', Royal FC, Cosmos FC, Citizen FC, Panther FC, Lion FC and Spirited Youth FC are grouped together.

The top two teams from each group will play for promotion to 'A' Division. Three teams having lowest points from each group will be demoted to 'C' Division (6 teams). The matches will be held till Feb. 2, 2018. In the first match of the tournament, Soniya FC will take on Bravers FC on Dec. 28 (tomorrow) at 3.45 pm in the Group 'A' encounter.

10th State Level Cadet, Junior and U-21 Karate Championships

City's Deia Urs wins gold

Deia Urs is seen receiving Gold Medal and certificate from AKSKA President Shihan M. Altaf Pasha.

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Deia S. Urs, I PUC student of Vidya Vardhaka Sangha Golden Jubilee College, Kuvempunagar won the gold in the Junior (16-17 years) category at the 10th State Level Cadet, Junior and U-21 years Karate Championships organised by Akhila Karnataka Sports Karate Association (AKSKA) held on Dec. 16 at Institute of Agriculture Technologists in Bengaluru.

Around 300 participants from all over the State took part in the championship. Deia Urs in the quarter finals defeated Rachana of Bengaluru 4-1, later B. Geeetha also of Bengaluru in the semi-final 5-0 and in the finals she defeated Priya N. Miskin of Kalaburagi 5-0. She will be representing Karnataka in the Cadet, Junior and Under 21 Karate Association of India (KAI) National Championships to be held at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi from Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 2018. A total of 6 karatekas in kata (3 male & 3 female) and 31 in kumite (17 male & 14 female) will represent Karnataka State in the National Meet.

Earlier Deia had won Gold in the Senior State Championship. She will also be representing Karnataka State at the KAI Senior National Championships to be held at Netaji Subhash Chandra Indoor Stadium in Kolkata on Jan. 13-14, 2018.

Excel in Karate

Mysuru, Dec. 27- **M.V. Jeevitha Ganga and M.V. Udhbhav Simha,** both students of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, excelled in the recently concluded State Level Karate Tournament organised by Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Karate-Do of India International Mabuni-ha shito Ryu Karate Association at University of Mysore Gymnasium Hall, here recently.

While Jeevitha won first prize in Kata for age group between 9-10 years and third prize in kumite for below 35 kg category, her younger brother Udhbhav won first prize in both Kata for 8-10 years boys and Kumite in below 20kg category.

Meanwhile, **V. Yeshwanth Subramanya,** also of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala won the third place in both Kata for 8-10 years boys and Kumite held in the below 20 kg category.

Rotary Midtown Team for 2018-19

A group photo of the new team of Rotary Mysore Midtown for the year 2018-19. The team is headed by Rtn. Dr. Prahlad, a Senior Physician at Apollo BGS Hospital. Standing from left: ***Rtn. Veeresh - Community Service Director, Rtn. Naveen Chandra - Secretary, Rtn. Ravikumar - Seargent-at-Arms, Rtn. Abhilash - Editor, Rtn. Pavithran - Treasurer, Rtn. Manu Prasad - Youth Service, Rtn. Abhilash Nair - International Service, Rtn. Prakasha - Vocational Service, Rtn. Bhaskar - Club Service;*** Sitting from left: ***Rtn. A.N. Aiyanna - Vice-President, Rtn. Narendra Babu - Immediate Past President, Rtn. Dr. Prahlad - President, Rtn. Gopalakrishna - Secretary and Rtn. Manoj Kumar - President-Elect.***

Inner Wheel South East turns Silver

Inner Wheel Club of Mysore South East celebrated its Silver Jubilee in city recently. District 318 Chairman Jayashree Urs and Club President Lalitha Ranganath felicitated the Charter Members of the Club to mark the occasion.

St. Joseph's Central wins RCLA quiz

The students of St. Joseph's Central School who have won first prize in quiz competition are seen with *(from left)* ***Rtn. Srinivas Seerpu - Hon. Treasurer, Uma Shivaprasad - Inner Wheel Chairperson, Rtn. Roopa Venkatesh - Hon. Secretary, Rotary Children's Library Association (RCLA), Rtn. Arvind Singavi - President, RCLA, Chandragupt V. Jain - chief guest, Rtn. K.R. Shanthakumar - President, Rotary Mysore 2017-18, Rtn. Chethan Vishwanath - Hon. Secretary, Rotary Mysore, Rtr. Sanjay - President, Rotaract Club of Mysore.***

Mysuru, Dec.27 - Rotary Children's Library Association (RCLA) conducted many competitions for children of various schools in Mysuru to commemorate the completion of 60 years of its service.

The valedictory function held at Rotary Auditorium, next to Mandovi Motors, KRS Road, witnessed a quiz competition which was presided by Chandragupt V. Jain, a well- known Entrepreneur and Businessman. The following students from various schools won prizes for essay, elocution and quiz competitions.

Essay-Kannada: K.S. Siri Bharadwaj - 1st prize, Amrita Vidyalayam; T. Grace Sharone - 2nd prize, St. Joseph's Central School; R.P. Sharanya - 3rd prize, Hari Vidyalaya; H. Uttam Nayak - Encouragement prize, Marimallappa's School, B.V. Skanda Datta - Encouragement prize, IJRS.

Essay-English: Unnathi M. Iyengar - 1st prize, St. Joseph's Central School; M.D. Lekha - 2nd prize, Teresian Girls High School; N. Sharanya Sharma - 3rd prize, Amrita Vidyalayam; P. Swathi - Encouragement prize, St. Joseph's High School, Jayalakshmipuram; B.K. Laasya - Encouragement prize, Marimallappa's High School.

Elocution: Keerthana -1st prize; IJRS; M. Rhea - 2nd prize, St. Joseph's Central; Melvin Vargheese- 3rd prize, De Paul International School; Ashlin Nicole - Encouragement prize, De Paul International School; Pushkar - Encouragement prize, JSS Public School, S. Nagar.

Quiz: Aniketh Bhat and Ridwa Rai -1st prize, St. Joseph's Central School; Y.S. Dhanya Kumar and K. Poorvi - 2nd prize, JSS Public School; G. Dhruthi and S. Kavya - 3rd prize, Sadvidya High School; Sanjeet Iyer and Shreya Kashyap - Encouragement prize, Kautilya Vidyalaya.

Sports and cultural meet for workers on Dec.30, 31

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (KS) - Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) in association with Karnataka State Labour Welfare Board has organised Mysuru District Sports and Cultural Meet for Workers-2017 on Dec. 30 and 31 at the Railway Workshop Ground on Manandawadi Road here.

As part of the meet, Mahatma Gandhi Cricket Tournament will be held and is open to all the workers of Mysuru district, either through their Unions or through their establishments.

The tournament will be inaugurated on Dec.30 at 8.30 am and the prize distribution will be held on Dec. 31 at 4 pm at the Railway Workshop Ground.

For details, contact Mob: 94496-21171 or 96202-23935.

Road Safety Associations needed in Schools: Traffic Warden

Mysuru, Dec.27 - All schools need to have a School Association for Road Safety (SARS) in place to better manage the traffic situation in and around the schools, said Traffic Warden S.V. Raghavendra.

He was addressing the students and teachers during the session on Road Safety and Traffic at the 25th State-level National Children's Science Congress held recently at the Senate Hall, University of Mysore.

The session was aimed at informing the students about their responsibilities while on road and tips on traffic rules and legislations.

"The traffic situation in and around the schools is very frightening during starting and closure time. The entire road is clogged by vehicles picking up and dropping off students and there is ample scope for accidents to occur. With proper guidance, school students themselves can manage this traffic situation," he said.

He also covered the aspects of training of drivers of school vehicles, rash driving and compulsory usage of helmet.

SARS team (a group of 30 students) would be trained by Traffic Wardens on signals, road safety aspects, march-past parade, traffic management principles in each school and best SARS team of a school will represent the school during Independence Day and Republic Day parades and also the Dasara torchlight parade, he said.

More than 300 students and teachers participated in the session. Deputy Chief Traffic Warden Subramanian, Traffic Wardens Nagesh, Panchakshari, Ramanath and Dr. Vijayendra were present.

FPAIndia holds Adolescent Education Programmes

Mysuru, Dec.27- Family Planning Association of India-ULBA Hospital and Sri Sanjeevani Suraksha Shikshana Trust, Mysuru, conducted Adolescent Education Programme at Pushpashrama in Naidu Nagar recently.

The programme was inaugurated by M.D. Chethan, Sanjeevani Suraksha Shikshana Trust. D.S. Shashikumar. Hon. Secretary, FPAIndia, Mysuru Branch, presided. Ashok Kumar, MD, Sanjeevani Trust, was present.

Resource Person Prof. Sathyanarayana, Vice-President of FPAIndia, Mysuru Branch, spoke about importance of education, sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence and empowerment. In all, 23 participants attended the programme.

FPAIndia-ULBA Hospital, in collaboration with RUDSET Institute, Mysuru, also conducted an Adolescent Education Programme for Community Youths at the Institute premises in Hinkal.

N.G. Lakshman Rao, Director of RUDSET, inaugurated. Resource Person Dr. G. Venkateshkumar, Member of FPA India Mysuru Branch, took a session for male youths while another Resource Person Dr. S. S. Malini of FPA India addressed the ladies.

Rotary District Governor's official visit

Rotary District 3181 Governor Rtn. M.M. Chengappa *(third from left),* ***who paid an Official Visit to Rotary Club of Mysore South East in city recently, is seen with*** *(from left)* ***Club's Hon. Secretary Rtn. M.P. Ramesh Babu, President Rtn. R. Ravindra, Assistant Governor of Zone-8 Rtn. P.V. Ramdas, Zonal Lieutenant Rtn. S. Vasudevan and President-Elect (2018-19) Rtn. Geetha Vishwanath.***

Five-day 'Niranthara Ranga Utsava' begins

Language used at political meetings going deplorable: Theatre Director

B.K. Narasimharaju and troupe from Bevinahalli in Sira Taluk, presenting Arevadhya and Somana Kunita prior to the inauguration of 'Niranthara Ranga Utsava' in Rangayana premises last evening. Picture alongside shows Artistes of Rangayana, Dharwar, staged the play 'Swapnavasavadatta.'

Mysuru, Dec.27 (SPN&US)- A five-day 'Niranthara Ranga Utsava,' organised by Niranthara Foundation, commenced at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises here last evening.

Speaking at the inaugural function, theatre Director Prasad Kundoor of Niranthara, expressed apprehension over the continued decline in quality of language being spoken in society. Referring to political meetings, he regretted that highly offensive language was being freely used driving politics into a dangerous level.

He observed that feelings of people, attitude towards art and literature were undergoing changes and added that human values were going down badly.

He averred that the medium of theatre alone can reveal naked truth which may drive an artiste into a minority group.

Artistes of Rangayana, Dharwar, staged the play *'Swapnavasavadatta'* on the inaugural day. Prior to the inauguration, B.K. Narasimharaju and troupe from Bevinahalli in Sira Taluk, presented *Arevadhya* and *Somana Kunita.*

Kannada and Culture Director N.R. Vishukumar, Rangayana Jt. Director Mallikarjuna Swamy and others were present.

Today at 7 pm, Sri Gajanana Yuvaka Mandali, Sheshagiri, will stage the play 'Vaali Vadhe.'

Mysuru Winter Festival: Day-4

Lilting Kannada melodies fill Palace air; movie buffs throng Maharaja's Grounds

Mysuru, Dec.27 (YDS&NNN)- What if the song is old, it still rings in one's ears and this feeling was uppermost yesterday at the Mysore Palace where the young rising singers of Mysuru, through their melodious voices, rendered beautiful Kannada movie songs, filling the hearts of the large audience gathered.

It was the fourth day of the *Mysuru Winter Festival* organised jointly by Information and Publicity Department, District Administration and Palace Board as part of the cultural festival.

The programme *'Ganayaana'* conducted by Mysuru's Sunitha Chandrakumar and Raghuleela musical troupe featured young male and female singers that included the likes of Shreya K. Bhat, Vasudha Shastry, C. Sinchana, Akshara Parashar, Navneeth Krishna, Karthik, Poorvaj Vishwanath and Rakshitha Suresh who sang some old Kannada movie songs drawing everyone's attention.

Navneeth began the first song from the movie *Jeevana Chaitra's* popular number *'Naadamaya ee lokavella Naadamaya,'* followed by Sinchana singing from the movie *Ranga SSLC 'Oorakannu, yaarakannu, marikannu, horikannu.'*

Karthik chose the song from the movie *Naanu Nanna Hendathi 'Yaare neenu roja hoove,'* and another hit number *'Bombe Heluthaithe'* from Puneeth Rajkumar starrer *Rajakumaara,* which Karthik and Navneeth sang to the delight of the audience.

Vasudha picked the lovely number *'Karedaru kelade sundarane'* from the movie *Sanaadi Appanna,* the 1977 Rajkumar - Jayaprada starrer, Shreya Bhat sang *'Jyothi yaava jaathiyamma'* and Rakshitha chose the number *'Nannade kogileya olavina pallavi'* from the movie *'Olavu gelavu.'*

Movie screening

The four-day open air movie screening organised by the Tourism Department as part of the Winter Fest began last evening at the Maharaja's College Grounds with the screening of the award- winning Kannada movie *Rangi Taranga* starring Nirup Bhandari and Radhika Chetan. It attracted a huge crowd, as all the chairs were filled up, with a few forced to stand and watch it.

Today (Dec.27), Hindi movie *Airlift* starring Akshay Kumar and Nimrat Kaur will be screened at 7 pm.

Light music: Puttur Narasimha Nayak and his troupe will render Bhavageethe, Vachana, Dasarapada, folk songs and sugama sangeetha at the Palace premises today from 7 pm onwards as part of the ongoing Flower Show.

WORD OF THE DAY

Conciliate

Pronunciation: Kun-SILL-ee-ayt.

Meaning: Appease; to gain (as goodwill) by pleasing acts; to make compatible : reconcile; to become friendly or agreeable.

Origin: A council is "an assembly or meeting for consultation, advice, or discussion," and it is often the task of a council to find compatibility in opposing views. It seems fitting, therefore, that the words council and conciliate both derive from the Latin word concilium, which means "assembly" or "council." Conciliate comes to us from the Latin conciliatus, the past participle of the verb conciliare (meaning "to assemble, unite, win over"), which in turn is from concilium. Council, on the other hand, derives from the Anglo-French cunseil or cuncile, from concilium. Other concilium descendants in English include conciliar ("of, relating to, or issued by a council") and the rare conciliabule ("a clandestine meeting especially of conspirators or rebels").

THE ODD WORD

Natation

Swimming.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Jaws of Life

Meaning: Commonly said when referring to a tool used by rescuers when prying or cutting open a car to save the occupant.

Origin: Sometimes when a bad accident occurs, people get stuck inside their vehicle because their doors get crushed from the impact, making any exit from the vehicle impossible. This is usually the time when emergency rescue personnel arrive on the scene to offer assistance, and they carry with them powerful tools which are perfectly suited for extracting trapped people. One of the tools is the hydraulic spreader-cutters, commonly referred to as the "Jaws of Life." This tool has two arms that can either open wide apart, or come together to form a tip. Hence, to rescue a person, the operator would place the tip of this tool into a gap on the vehicle and expand the arms, which would spread the metal. Additionally, it can be used in reverse to "chomp" through the car instead. Wikipedia states: "Mike Brick coined the phrase 'Jaws of Life' after he observed people saying that their new device 'snatched people from the jaws of death.'" The hydraulic spreader looks like it was developed in 1972, so it must have acquired this nickname sometime after that year. It should be noted, though, that this expression looks to be older. Nevertheless, most people probably associate the term with this tool.

QUOTE BOX

I think one of the most poignant things is unrequited love and loneliness.

—Wilbur Smith

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus below mean?

Answer: Better safe than sorry.

SUDOKU

1					5			
					4	7	2	
		7		2				3
		8				1		6
5	9						3	7
4		3				8		
2				8		9		
	6	1	7					
			1					5

Answer to previous puzzle

5	8	1	3	2	4	6	7	9
4	9	2	7	1	6	5	8	3
7	6	3	9	8	5	2	1	4
3	2	5	6	4	8	7	9	1
1	4	8	2	7	9	3	5	6
6	7	9	1	5	3	8	4	2
9	5	7	4	3	2	1	6	8
8	3	6	5	9	1	4	2	7
2	1	4	8	6	7	9	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 One who inherits
5 Amer. Depository Rcpt.
8 Festive occasion; festive gathering for sports
12 Colloquial term for a rickshaw in India
13 Made insensitive to?
15 A type of liqueur (5,2,6)
17 South ___ : they hosted the 1988 Summer Olympics?
18 Inst. of Elec. and Electronics Engrs.
19 Eye; sphere or globe
21 Chatter, talk too much
24 Common Display Sys.
27 Allowed without active opposition
30 ___ Ki Khatir : "Just for you" in Hindi or Urdu?
31 Put or take into higher position; elevate
32 Come to an ___ : become exhausted, get over ?
33 Obtaining or acquiring
35 Required Time of Arrival
36 Rage
37 A type of sea-eagle
39 City near Oakland
41 A red dye - "noise" anagram?
45 Make a distinction
49 Acts that give encouragements to an offence or an offender
50 Feels remorse for
51 Young boys
52 Take a ___ : thank the audience for its applause?
53 Tall, stately trees

DOWN

1 Cut roughly
2 Something to spend in Paris
3 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
4 Roadside ___ : an eve-teaser on the roadside?
5 ___ in : include ?
6 Miller of the _____ : he envied nobody, no not he....?
7 Small branches
8 Kinds, sorts or class ?
9 Aardvark for one? (3-5)
10 J&K district
11 Fruit drink
14 What one feels when one is extremely sorry? (4,6)
16 Old-fashioned hearing aid (3,7)
20 Wild ___ : Asterix and Obelix's favourite diet?
22 Wigwam
23 Scandinavian books
24 Excels or outdoes?
25 Move rapidly - like a missile, perhaps
26 Over-indulged (5-3)
28 Fifty two in Roman numerals
29 Slave or serf
34 Occupations in which skills are needed
38 Bete ___ : one's pet dislike, should we say?
40 Arafat, for example
42 ___ Bellow : "Humbolt's Gift" author?
43 Piece of news
44 Loch ___ : Scottish monster lake?
45 ___ and rice : our staple diet?
46 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
47 Grandmaster's rating
48 Australian state, briefly

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

T	H	A	R		P	A	C	T		S	S	W
C	O	P	E		E	B	R	O		E	Y	E
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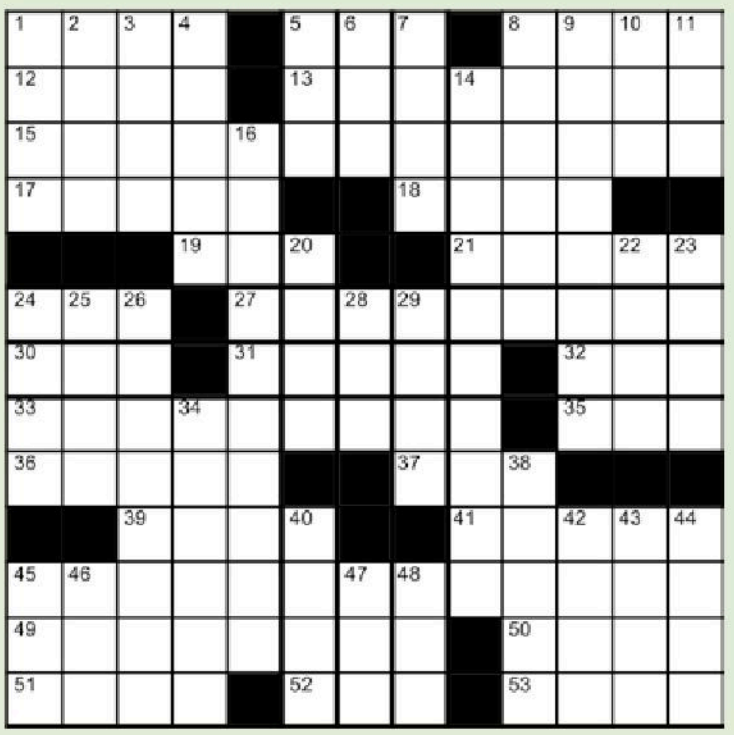

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DBYFYHA DCXX OCNH HCTCB QNTYHA FW VNU,

"Y ALCVV UWL QNG FW PC FQCBC"

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
College Kumara	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Tora Tora	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Blue Eyes	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
HINDI			
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Pyasi Awaz	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Hello	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Jawaan	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Velaikkaran	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
-----	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Tora Tora (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-2)	7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Aruvi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Vimaanam (Ma)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Masterpiece (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm
		4.15 pm, 7.00 pm
		9.45 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-2)	11.55 am, 3.15 pm
		6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 am, 3.50 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-3)	12.40 pm, 6.15 pm
Sakka Podu Podu Raja (Ta)	(S-3)	9.50 am
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	3.35 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-4)	12.50 pm
Mayaanadhi (Ma)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.55 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.27)

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Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust: Jnana Yajna Sambharama, Discourse on 'Harivamsha' by Dr. Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya, Bengaluru, Sri Krishna Auditorium, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

Indian Theatre, Mysuru: Staging of play 'Bheemannana Maga,' Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2017, staging of play 'Vaali Vadhe' by Rangayana - Dharawad, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.28)

City Police and Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP): Crime Prevention Month, staging of street plays, Rural KSRTC Bus Stand and Old Gujari on Geetha Mandira Road, **9 am to 11 am;** Meeting of sexual minorities to create awareness on human trafficking, transgenders and sex workers, Ashodaya Academy premises, Ashoka Circle, Krishnamurthypuram, **11.30 am;** Staging of street plays, Maruti Circle and Kurimandi, N.R. Mohalla, **3 pm to 6 pm.**

Aroma: Cake Festival (La fete de decembre), Plum and Almond Tart, Dates and Cashew Tart, Peach and Passion Tart, Cherry Tart, Strawberry Chocolate Tart, Fresh Fruit Tart, Baked Banana Chocolate Tart, Loyal World Supermarket - V.V. Mohalla / Bannimantap / Infosys / T.K. Layout / Kuvempunagar; Loyal World Market - Mall of Mysore; Aroma lounge - Bogadi Road, adjacent to AIISH / Hebbal Industrial Area; Gayathri Bhavan Building, Dhanvantri Road, **10 am onwards.**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore: Seminar on 'Reservations,' UoM in-Charge VC Prof. C. Basavaraju inaugurates, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. J. Somashekar speaks, Centre premises, **10.30 am.**

Sri Narayanaananda Vidyalaya, Hinkal: 12th anniversary celebrations, Swami Shantivratanandaji graces the occasion, Sri Narayanaananda Ashrama Vice-President N.G. Narayana presides, Department of Public Instructions Dy. Director Manjula and St. Philomena's College retd. Principal Prof. M. Krishnegowda chief guests, Vidyalaya premises, **4 pm.**

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Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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Cash award presented

A total of 28 meritorious children of the members of Mysuru District Newspaper Distributors Association, who scored high marks in SSLC and PUC, were presented Pratibha Puraskar at a programme organised at Pathrakartara Bhavan here on Monday. Chamaraja MLA Vasu is seen presenting a cheque for Rs.10,000 to Suma Bharathi, daughter of Senior newspaper distributor Nagaraj (popularly known as MNR), who secured a Government medical seat at Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences as others look on.

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